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SOURCE Chosun IlboKIM IL SUNG ADMITS NORTH KOREAN RESISTANCE

In a broadcast of 25 November, Kim Il Sung admitted for the first time the resistance of the North Korean people to the puppet regime of North Korea. With threatening words, he assailed such resistance, thereby departing from his usual propaganda line that all North Korean people are loyal supporters of his government.

He said, "Today, we find some elements who are hostile to our government. They have been instigating strikes and sabotage in North Korea in order to cripple our economy."

The noteworthy fact about this broadcast is that the extent of the resistance, although belittled in the broadcast, appeared to be of such significance that it forced the North Korean leader, himself, to admit it. Kim protested that, "Some reactionaries do not fully realize that those factories which they attempt to destroy by sabotage belong to the people of Korea now, although they were once owned by the Japanese. Therefore, they cannot justify the destruction of their own property. I shall see that these reactionaries are severely punished by law."

In saying this, he ignored entirely his own actions, such as instigating strikes and sabotage in South Korea in attempts to destroy the South Korean industries which, as he says, belong to the people of Korea. He also misrepresented the facts about North Korean industries: they are under control of a few powerful members of the North and South Korean Labor Party. They do not belong to the people in any sense.

In the same broadcast, Kim Il Sung urged former factory workers, who had become merchants, to return to the factories. This indicates that many workers are leaving the factories.

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